

# Killie News

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### **From the Editor:**

The Minnesota Aquarium Society's annual show is Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>. As a club we will be sponsoring a trophy for "Best Killifish of Show". We also want to encourage our members to enter a pair of fish in the show. It doesn't matter if the fish aren't "show quality". We want to get people interested in our hobby, and most of the people attending will probably never have seen a killifish. The more killies we have available for people to see, the more likely they are to develop an interest. Who can resist those beautiful colors?

You can contact the MAS show chair, Mike Fries, at [masshowchair@yahoo.com](mailto:masshowchair@yahoo.com) for more info on entering the show. Let's have a great turnout this year!

Happy fish keeping!

Robin

The February 25 meeting was held at the home of Mike Kromrey and Erin Yapp.

In attendance were: Brent Aitchison, Bruce & Sally Cameron, Robin Engelking, Mike Kromrey, Carter McAninch, Alex Moroz, Gary & Carol Palubicki, Brad Swanson, and Erin Yapp.

There was lots of yummy food. Mike made wonderful lasagna. Robin was bad and ate it even though there was tomato sauce!

Robin brought along some fish photos from the 2005 show for people to look at and choose some fish for the new show flier. There is an idea to have a couple of different fliers for different distribution e.g. one for other clubs and one for stores.

Bruce brought an e-mail from someone he has been corresponding with that said the *N. guentheri* "blue" is a color morph, not a hybrid.

Bruce was corresponding with the Tampa club via Killie talk. Do we want to put an ad in the AKA convention bulletin? It is \$50 for a half page ad and \$100 for a full page ad. There were not enough BOD members present to make a decision.

That led to talk about the AKA convention in Florida and fish collecting in Florida. Apparently you can catch many different, non-native, kinds of fish in ditches and various bodies of water. That would be way cool!

Bruce brought some temperature maps for the African continent showing the highs and lows. His Nothos be at 85 for the high and in the 60's for the lows.

We also had a discussion on tanning beds vs. tanning spray; Viagra came up, and we learned the Moroz means "frost". There was also a discussion on orchids. (See what those of you who didn't come missed?)

Also, Bandit really liked Brent.

John Alegre can't have the May meeting, so we need to find an alternative location. Brad volunteered to host the April meeting.

Gary brought 8 pair of fish and a single male *Epiplatys dageti*. All the pairs were sold for \$2.00. Mike kept the lonely epi.

<i>A. celiae winifredae Ebonji</i>	Alex
<i>A. celiae winifredae Ebonji</i>	Carter
<i>Fundulopanchax oeseri</i>	Alex
<i>Fundulopanchax oeseri</i>	Brent (owes \$2)
<i>A. australe "orange"</i>	Alex
<i>A. australe "orange"</i>	Alex
<i>A. primigenium GBN 88-10</i>	Mike
<i>A. primigenium GBN 88-10</i>	Mike (owes \$2)

Respectfully submitted by Robin Engelking. (I hope I didn't miss anything too important.)

**Killifish Lonely Hearts Club**

If you have a lone fish, male or female, here is the perfect place to look for that perfect mate.

If you have any fish you want included in next month's listing, e-mail Robin at [raqbe@usinternet.com](mailto:raqbe@usinternet.com)

**ORANGES ANYONE?**

By Greg A. Simpson

All of us killi nuts pamper our prized possessions to whatever end makes the mark of feeling we are proficient breeders paramount about our passion for our living jewels.

My fish room is a really a small area. My kingdom is 12 feet by 8 feet. My layout is tri-level on the north, south, and east walls. The west wall is what I call West World. This wall is a six level, multi small tank breeding and rearing area.

Each wall area with their associated tanks rows are setup on a routine aquarium maintenance schedule I call "AM" for Aquarium Maintenance. I often do my AM in the PM... now more so since I'm a grandfather. My focused concentration for water changes is in my small pair breeding and rearing tanks followed by routine changes in my specimen tanks. Octo, of course, needs bimonthly changes! When I pull mops to check for eggs I also do a 25% water change in my breeding tanks. In one such of my breeding tanks, a 2.5 gallon tank, resides a breeding pair of *Aphyosemion australe* orange.



When I pulled the mop to check for eggs and right after I completed the water change, the male australe orange was so intent on driving the female against the thermometer that I grabbed my camera and captured these pictures. Was he feeling frisky or what? I guess it's like fresh sheets on my bed... it feels so good! The whole point of this short story is, "I never met a killi I didn't like!" λ

The Adventures of  
Gary Gardner and Andy Australe



“Holy Bat Fish Andy!”

**Support Your Local Club Point Totals:**

<u>Member</u>	<u>point class</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Total</u>				
				Mike Kromrey	host meeting	6	6
Brent Aitchison	attend meeting	1	2	Jenny Kruckenberg		0	1
John Alegre		0	0	Carter McAninch	attend meeting	1	2
Clay Anderson		0	0	John Metzgar		0	0
Guy Bagley & Howie Galoff		0	0	Bob Morenski		0	0
Ed Brandt		0	0	Alex Moroz	attend meeting	1	1
Bruce Cameron	attend meeting	1	2	Don Mortenson		0	0
Sally Cameron	attend meeting	1	1	Gary Palubicki	attend meeting	1	1
Bob Carter		0	0		donate 8 pr fish	40	41
Robin Engelking	attend meeting	1	2	Ernie Plutko		0	0
Greg Goodnow		0	1	Craig Rees		0	0
Sara Goodnow		0	0	Terry Scepurek		0	0
Gaylon Hafer		0	0	Greg Simpson	art for KN	15	45
Brentt Helland		0	6		article for KN	15	60
Emily Helland		0	6	Milo Squires		0	1
Rick Ivik		0	0	Brad Swanson	attend meeting	1	1
Ted Jolivette		0	0	Nancy Swanson		0	0
Tom Kean		0	0	Erin Yapp	host meeting	6	6

Greg Simpson has taken an early lead due to his cartoons and articles, but Gary Palubicki is now a close second. Way to go Gary! Carter has given me a disc with photos from the show, so he will be getting points for them in the near future.

If anyone has sent fish to affiliate show, let me know so your points can be tallied. You will be amazed at how quickly the points add up.

If you have any concerns about points, e-mail me at [raqbe@usinternet.com](mailto:raqbe@usinternet.com).

### **Support Your Local Club (SYLC) Rules:**

Points are accumulated as follows:

1 – Donate fish for auction at monthly meeting	5 pts
2 – Send fish to out of town shows	
a) participation/entries	5 pts/pair
b) First place	3 pts
c) Second place	2 pts
d) Third place	1 pt
3 – Bowl show at monthly meetings	
a) participation/entries	5 pts/pair
b) First place	3 pts
c) Second place	2 pts
d) Third place	1 pt
4 – Submit an article, artwork or pictures for the Killie News	15 pts
5 – Give a program about killies to a local club	15 pts
6 – Give a program at an MKKA meeting	10 pts
7 – Host a meeting	6 pts
8 – Attend a monthly meeting	1 pt
9 – Donate a plant or piece of equipment	1 pt/item
10 – Donate a live food culture	1 pt
11 – Bring a new person to a meeting	1 pt
12 – Have a friend join MKKA	5 pts
13 – Help out at the annual show	1 pt/day
14 - Special functions to be determined by the board	To be determined
15 – Other special events as determined by the BOD	1 pt/day

### **Directions to Bob Carter's home:**

Follow 694 to Silver Lake Road. Turn North on Silver Lake Road. Continue to Mississippi Street (4th Stoplight). Turn right (EAST) onto Mississippi Street. Continue straight at the stop sign. After the stop sign on the right side of the street look for 1821 Mississippi Street.

1821 Mississippi Street  
New Brighton, MN 55112  
**651-633-4351**

Thursday, March 16, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Bob Carter.  
651-633-4351

Thursday April 20, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Brad & Nancy Swanson.  
612-522-4399

Thursday, May 19, 2006 is open

Thursday, June 15, 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Milo Squires.  
952-448-4153

July 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Brad & Nancy Swanson.  
612-522-4399

August 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Carter McAninch.  
763-784-4937

September 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Robin Engelking  
763-560-5038.

October 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Jenny Kruckenberg.  
651-457-2302

November 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Craig Rees. We will take nominations for Board members. We will need a new Editor.  
952-403-6038.

December 2006 is scheduled to be at the home of Milo Squires. We need to elect officers this month.  
952-448-4153.